

City Manager's



Weekly Update Friday, November 2, 2007

Notes of Interest:

ArmorStruxx: The City Manager met with representatives of a new Lodi company, ArmorStruxx, which is occupying the former R.E. Service site on South Beckman Road. ArmorStruxx has secured a contract to build armor plating for military applications and anticipates doubling its labor force by the end of 2007. ArmorStruxx compresses composite materials under high pressure to make impact-resistant products from armor to countertops.

Sales tax flat: Sales in Lodi were up 0.2 percent in the April-June period this year compared to 2006, thanks to some one-time allocations. HdL Companies, which provides the city with detailed tax information, says Lodi – like most of California – can expect a decline in the July-September quarter.

IWorq online: The citizen request tracking program is now online at www.lodi.gov. Visitors can enter a concern or complaint online, provide feedback, even answer an online poll.

Blackout: It didn't last long, but Monday's (Oct. 29) blackout was the fifth citywide outage since 2005. Every outage has been the result of a problem on PG&E transmission system outside the city limits.

Foundation kickoff: The Lodi Community Foundation kickoff effort is Nov. 14. The foundation has 501(c)3 nonprofit status, allowing donors to receive tax deductions for gifts channeled to smaller organizations, such as the Save the Grape Bowl campaign, that can't afford to set up as IRS-recognized nonprofits.

Rubber sidewalk: The city's first rubber sidewalk was recently installed at 223 Olive Court. The sidewalk wraps around a 50- to 75-year-old oak tree. It was paid with grant funding.

Transit workshop: Design guidelines for downtown, transit-oriented development is the topic of a workshop Nov. 13 at the LOEL Center. Hours are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Public input is vital to coming up with the best plan that reduces residents' need for car travel.

